



**RAISE A GLASS TO MULLINEUX & LEEU FAMILY WINES AS THEY JOIN THE BEST IN THE WORLD WITH THEIR TOP 100 WINERIES ACHIEVEMENT**

“The only South African winery to be included in the prestigious American publication, *Wine & Spirits Magazine's* Top 100 Wineries of 2019 is Mullineux & Leeu Family Wines”



*Chris and Andrea Mullineux; The Mullineux family*

Each year the panel and critics of *Wine & Spirits* blind-taste, review and score more than 15 000 wines from around the world, the most distinguished of which are shared with their readers. The Top 100 Wineries list for the year includes those that achieve the highest scores and consistency of performance across their range of wines for the year.

The wines that helped Mullineux & Leeu Family Wines achieve this rare accolade include their 97-point Mullineux Swartland Straw Wine 2017 and the 96-point Mullineux Swartland Schist Syrah 2016.

Andrea and Chris Mullineux will join winemakers from some of the world's greatest vineyards to meet connoisseurs and consumers at the 16<sup>th</sup> Top 100 Annual Tasting hosted in San Francisco on 10 October this year and later at a similar tasting, the Top 100 Symposium, held in New York in January 2020.

Their Kloof Street and Mullineux ranges, based on Chenin Blanc, Syrah and various Rhone cultivars, are produced in the Swartland on Roundstone Farm, and aim to present a true expression of this special region from grapes best suited to the terroirs they are planted in.

Their Leeu Passant wines are made in their own captivating winery on Leeu Estates in Franschhoek, where grapes are sourced from exceptional parcels of vineyards both in Franschhoek and other exciting sites in the Western Cape including South Africa's oldest red wine vineyards.

The Mullineux & Leeu Family Wines team are no strangers to accolades. The winery has been the recipient of the Platter South African Wine Guide's Winery of the Year Award no less than three times - in 2014, 2016 and the current 2019 edition. In 2016 Andrea Mullineux was chosen as *Wine Enthusiast Magazine's* International Winemaker of the Year,

while in 2017 British Master of Wine Tim Atkin's South African Report named Chris and Andrea as Winemakers of the Year.

As always, Andrea's approach to winemaking is minimalist but meticulous, while viticulture is expertly managed by Chris and his team, who farm as naturally and sustainably as possible.

Visitors can taste wines from the Mullineux Signature and Single Terroir ranges, along with the flagship portfolio of the Leeu Passant winery at the elegant Wine Studio situated on Leeu Estates in Franschhoek, open seven days a week.

Wine lovers in the USA can buy tickets for the *Wine & Spirits* Top 100 Tasting in San Francisco on Eventbrite for \$135.

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